

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 - 11 are pending in the present case.

An Advisory Action, issued in the present case on November 19, 2004, indicated that claims 9 - 11 were allowed. Previous to the Advisory Action, claim 9 had been amended to include all of the limitations of, then pending, independent claim 1. To facilitate allowance of the instant application, claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 9. At this time, all claims in the present case ultimately depend from allowed claim 9, and as such, are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

In light of the foregoing, allowance of claims 2 - 11, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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